

REMARKS

In the first Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-10 and 15-25 and objected to claims 11-14. Claim 11 was indicated to be allowable in substance. Also, the drawings were objected to.

By way of this amendment, claims 1, 7-9, 17, and 18 are amended, and claims 2-6, 10-16, 19-23, and 25 are cancelled.

The foregoing amendments and following remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action, and are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Drawings Objection

The drawings are objected to because they fail to include the reference number 46 (the printing station) in FIGS. 2, 4 and 5 as mentioned on, page 14, line 7 of the specification.

Amended individual replacement sheets for FIGS. 2, 4 and 5, each labeled "Replacement Sheet" and adding reference number 46, are enclosed to cure the objection. Formal drawings, Figures 1-9 are submitted herewith, which incorporate the changes required by the Examiner. Approval by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicated that claim 11 was allowable in substance (see paragraph 13 on page 11 of the Office Action. Claims 1 and 17 are now amended to include claim 11, and therefore should be allowed.

Claims 7 and 18

Claim 7 as amended reads as follows:

A system for printing and treating a recording element comprising:
a printhead for dispensing a liquid comprising a carrier onto a recording element;
a carrier removal station positioned downstream from the printhead, the carrier removal station being adapted to remove a predetermined percentage of carrier present in the recording element; and

Amendments to the Drawings:

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Attachment: Replacement Figure 2, 4, and 5

Formal Drawings, Figures 1-9

a converting station positioned downstream from the carrier removal station, wherein the converting station is adapted to increase a durability characteristic of the recording element;

wherein the converting station provides support for the recording element to transition from one portion of a travel path for the recording element to another portion of the travel path which overlaps the one portion of the travel path.

None of the cited references single or in combination disclose or suggest amended claim 7, including the claimed feature that "the converting station provides support for the recording element to transition from one portion of a travel path for the recording element to another portion of the travel path which overlaps the one portion of the travel path".

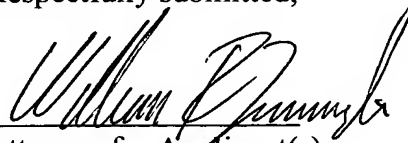
Claim 18 is allowable for the same reason that claim 7 is considered allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,


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Attachment: Replacement Sheets, Formal Drawings Figures 1-9

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